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*Supplemental*

NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course.

- This communication is responsive to \_\_\_\_\_  
 The allowed claim(s) is/are 113-15, 18-21, 33-35, 40, 42-48  
 The drawings filed on \_\_\_\_\_ are acceptable.  
 Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).  
 All  Some\*  None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been  
 received.  
 received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) \_\_\_\_\_  
 received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).  
\*Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE to comply with the requirements noted below is set to EXPIRE THREE MONTHS FROM THE "DATE MAILED" of this Office action. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.  
 Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS  
 because the originally filed drawings were declared by applicant to be informal.  
 including changes required by the Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948, attached hereto or to Paper No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_\_, which has been approved by the examiner.  
 including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the reverse side of the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftperson.

- Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Any response to this letter should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE/SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included.

Attachment(s)

- Notice of References Cited, PTO-892  
 Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_\_  
 Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948  
 Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152  
 Interview Summary, PTO-413  
 Examiner's Amendment/Comment  
 Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material  
 Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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Art Unit: 1615

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Attorney Thomas Sarro on 12/15/98.

2. The application has been amended as follows: In claim 21: delete all lines, beginning with line 10, which follows the insertion at line 9, up to the period in the final line;

In claims 33 & 34 , after “ %” add “by weight”;

Cancel claims 36,37, 38;

In claim 43, delete “long lasting”;

And in each of claims 13,14,15,18,19, & 20 delete the word “collar” and replace with  
“The external device”. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier

communications from the examiner should be directed to Neil Levy,

whose telephone number is (703) 308-2412.



Neil Levy

**Primary Examiner**